



TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

November 17, 2014

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TOWN COMMITTEES

Currently there are openings on the following (1) Conservation Commission, (3) Council on Aging Board, (1) Parks and Recreation, (2) Historical Commission, and (2) Zoning Board of Appeals. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is in desperate need of new members.

DPW

Water main replacement is complete on Turnpike Road. Road repair will begin in spring after the thaw.

Weather conditions hampered the road work on E. Rindge Road to Young Road but it was completed in one day once the weather cleared. It looks great.

FY 15 BUDGET

All paperwork has been filed with the state to get new growth certified and after the classification hearing on the 1st of December the FY15 tax rate will be set. Delays this year have been due to the interpretation of the solar projects tax assessment requirements.

CABLE CONTRACT

Comcast responded to our RFP and Ashburnham and Westminster in conjunction with our lawyer Bill Solomon are in negotiations with them. The negotiations are progressing. We met on Oct 31st.

FIRE UNION

Negotiations will begin again on the 20th of November.

GAS PIPELINE

Kinder Morgan has delayed all the scheduled Open House meetings on the Gas Pipeline and as soon as the new schedule is received it will be posted on our website. Sylvia has our website modified to incorporate a special section where up to date information has been placed to keep the general population informed.

INSURANCE

In conjunction with Westminster and the School District we sent out an RFP for health care coverage. We will be meeting and discussing options on the 17th of November

CAMERAS

The cameras at Winchester Park have been changed and are operational.

CLASS II LICENSES

Doug will be meeting with the Class II License holders in the next few weeks to review their operation.

LICENSE RENEWALS

We have sent out notification to all other Board of Selectmen license holders that their renewals are coming up for 2015. The Board of Selectmen will be voting on the license renewals at their meeting on Monday, December 15, 2014.